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People of Indianapolis Extend Hoosier Hospitality to Shriners of North America

Aleppo Uniformed Units Loudly Applauded Murat Temple Nobles Perfect Hosts

AT the 67th Annual Session of the Imperial Council held at Indianapolis, Indiana, June 10 to 12, Illustrious Noble Thomas C. Law of Yaarab Temple, Atlanta, Georgia, was elevated to the highest position in Shrinedom—the office of Imperial Potentate. Noble Law succeeds Illustrious Noble George F. Olendorf who was in Indianapolis for the Sessions but was confined to the hospital, where he was taken soon after his arrival, due to a heart ailment. Noble Olendorf was unable to attend any of the meetings.

Noble Hubert M. Poteat of Sudan Temple, New Bern, N. C., defeated Noble Roland D. Baldwin of Jacksonville, Florida, in a close contest for the office of Imperial Outer Guard, the last position in the Imperial Council line. Noble Poteat succeeds Noble Harold Lloyd of Hollywood, California, who started in the line last year.

Murat Temple was the host Temple, with Past Potentate, Doctor C. E. Cox acting as Director General, assisted by Judge Dewey E. Myers, Potentate and Karl L. Friedrichs, Recorder of Murat. This threesome did a grand job for Murat and Indianapolis, even to pulling off a night parade in a drenching thunder storm, believe it or not. Ask Potentate Wilson how the Aleppo boys go through. He may be modest about it, but Judge Myers said to Judge Wilson, "If we don't put on our parade, regardless of the rain, we'll be licked for several thousands of dollars. Will you help us?" The answer from our Pote was "Boston never walked out on anybody yet. Start your parade and we'll follow." We were right there and "that's just the way we hee-ard it Johnny," and that's just what happened at the Wednesday night parade, regardless of the cloud bursts and the knee-deep puddles in the street—Aleppo paraded. The crowds who stuck it out all along the line of march gave the Boston boys a great hand for not disappointing them.

The weather was a bit more enjoyable for the Tuesday morning parade

which was started early in the morning and lasted until after noon. Over 10,000 Nobles from more than 40 visiting Temples put on their multicolored uniforms for this occasion, which was their first official strut through downtown Indianapolis.

Mayor Reginald H. Sullivan, a member of Murat Temple, delivered the welcoming address at the opening exercises of the Imperial Council meeting, Tuesday afternoon.

In the absence of Imperial Potentate Olendorf, Deputy Imperial Potentate Law presided over the business meetings of the Council.

One of the outstanding events staged for the Nobility and their families during the session was the exhibition of automobile racing staged at the world famous Indianapolis speedway, Monday afternoon. Over 10,000 of the visiting Nobility sat in the grandstand of the speedway and witnessed a blistering exhibition of speed as exemplified by veteran drivers of the annual 500 mile race. The speed of the racing cars around the two and one-half mile track is certainly a thriller but the real kick comes when one sees a driver pull up to the pits during a race and see his crew of helpers change a tire in no less than 13 seconds—timed and checked by our official party. Think this one over the next time you have a flat tire. Noble Wilbur Shaw, three-time winner of the 500-mile race and a member of Murat Temple, had charge of the Shrine races. Shaw was released from the hospital the day before to be at the track. He suffered injuries in the Memorial Day race which prevented him from competing in the Shrine races.

It is quite evident that the Shriners display sunshine and joy wherever they gather, as shown by the following letter received on our return from Indianapolis.

"DEAR SIR:

"The Shriners have blown away the depressing 'blues' that have hung over Indiana for a decade.

"Your stay here has worked wonders in reviving the greatest asset along with a strong right arm that America possesses. That is a healthy sense of humor."

"My father was a Shriner and his grandson now owns as a gift from me a sheepskin parchment dated November 11, 1802 in Boston, Mass. It was given my forebear, John Keating, when he was made a Master Mason 140 years ago this fall.

"I spent four winters in Boston as a student.

"Good-luck and Godspeed to Massachusetts!"

"Sincerely,

RAYMOND H. STONE."

The foot specialists must have had a busy week fixing up the weary feet of the Nobles of Murat Temple, who seemed to be on the go day and night escorting the visiting Shriners around the town in their official and unofficial parades.

Many a Boston Shriner got a little homesick when they saw the Boston Red Sox play the local American Association Club in an exhibition game for the Shrine, Monday evening at the Yawkee Stadium in Indianapolis. The Red Sox had to live on their train due to the shortage of rooms in the city.

There seemed to be a lot of good clean fun enjoyed by everybody. What the local people thought of the Shriners may be summed up in the remarks of Sam Feld, a concessioner along the convention midway. He has been in the business 40 years and he rates Shrine conventions and get-togethers of the American Legion and Elks as one-two-three in that order. Here's Sam's definition of Shriners: "They are a fascinating body of men that everyone, young and old, seems to draw to; everyone likes them; everyone feels like playing when they are around."

Noble Claude Wickard, United States Secretary of Agriculture, surprised even himself by attending the convention. Secretary Wickard is a member of Murat Temple and was in Chicago on business when he heard of the doings in Indianapolis, so he dropped in for a short stay.

A familiar looking be-whiskered Shriner, in the person of Man Mountain Dean of wrestling fame, received many

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ORCHIDS TO ALEPPO

THE following interesting letter was received by Potentate Wilson from Noble Albert Ellis, Recorder of Maskat Temple, Wichita Falls, Texas and Secretary-Treasurer of the National Recorder's Association:

MASKAT TEMPLE
A.A.O.N.M.S.

ALBERT ELLIS, *Recorder*
Wichita Falls, Texas
June 14, 1941

"TO THE POTENTATE, DIVAN OFFICERS
AND UNITS OF ALEPPO TEMPLE:

"I want to take this occasion of just a common, ordinary Shriner to highly commend the officers and units of Aleppo Temple for one of the finest exhibitions of Shrine spirit that I have ever seen during the time I have been attending the Imperial Council Sessions. I have no hesitancy in saying it was the finest ever displayed and this was brought about by the parade on Wednesday night, when in the face of a tremendous downpour of rain, you and your units marched the full length of the parade. I watched the crowd begin to gather as early as 5:30 to watch this parade. It was long in coming and was short, yet each and everyone who participated are entitled to a lot of credit for not disappointing so fine a crowd.

"I wish it were possible to fully give vent to the fine expressions and commendations that you received from everyone. In my own case, words seem idle and empty. There was a feeling that went through me when I saw your fellows turn the corner that I will never be able to understand, and it is with a deep sense of gratitude that I write you this letter.

"You deserve the commendation of all Shrinedom for your wonderful Shrine spirit and may God bless each and everyone of you.

"Yours in the Faith,
"ALBERT ELLIS,
"Recorder."

Potentate Wilson sent the following acknowledgment to Recorder Ellis:

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A.A.O.N.M.S.

Boston, Massachusetts
Office of the Potentate

"Mr. Albert Ellis,
"City National Building,
"Wichita Falls,
"Texas.

"DEAR NOBLE ELLIS:

"In behalf of the officers and uniformed units of Aleppo Temple, I certainly desire to extend to you our grateful appreciation for your wonderful letter from far away Texas to this Northeastern corner of the map.

"But I am especially proud to say that the real credit belongs to the boys themselves. As we waited in buses at the starting point of the parade for over an hour, when Potentate Myers of Murat Temple told me of the crowds that were still waiting unprotected from the rain in the streets of downtown Indianapolis, I announced to the boys I planned to march behind our Mounted Patrol and they could follow in our four buses, two abreast. The next thing I knew, the men themselves were out on the street, in full formation, lights lit, and rearing to go! They wanted to show that the one uniformed outfit present from old New England could not only dish it out, but take it. They wanted Indiana to know that if thousands of people were game enough to stand in the rain to watch the Shrine go by—then there just had to be a parade. And most of all they wanted to prove that the Shrine is something other than just a lot of fair weather play boys on a good time. I was certainly proud of them, and especially the band, who played us through, under severe handicaps.

"I assure you it was an inspiring thrill to share the enthusiasm of the many thousands of men, women and children who lined the streets of Indianapolis that Wednesday night. Somehow in a parade like that you get the feeling that you are really 'giving' something. You say you had a queer feeling? Believe me when I say that the greeting we received along the entire line of march, during those two miles or more, kindled a warmth of feeling inside that no downpour of rain could ever quench.

"Again with sincere thanks for your thoughtful and fraternal message, but assuring you that Aleppo really enjoyed every minute 100%, I am

"Yours with and in the Faith,
"ROBERT GARDNER WILSON, JR.,
"Illustrious Potentate."



COLONEL WILLIS W. STOVER ENTERS UNSEEN TEMPLE

One of Aleppo's well known Nobles, Colonel Willis W. Stover, Boston attorney, passed away on Thursday, June 12, 1941.

Noble Stover, who joined Aleppo in 1917, was at the time of his death, Judge of the Charlestown District Court. He was a Past Commander of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company and the senior member of the law firm of Stover, Sweetser and Lombard, of which our Chief Rabban, Willard P. Lombard, is a member.

Col. Stover commanded a Regiment overseas during the World War with the army of occupation.

NOBLE GEORGE H. WOOD PASSES ON

THE Masonic funeral services for Noble George H. Wood, a life member of Aleppo Temple, were held at the Waterman's Funeral Parlors, Commonwealth Avenue, Boston, on Tuesday, June 10.

Mr. Wood, who was 60 years of age, died at his home, 107 Arlington Street, Brighton, Saturday, June 7, 1941, after a brief illness.

Noble Wood joined Aleppo in 1907 and had been an assistant steward of the Shrine for the past thirty years. He also held membership in the four Scottish Rite Bodies of Boston for the past thirty-five years and was registrar of candidates for these bodies for many years.



NOBLE GEORGE H. WOOD
Photo taken at recent Golf Outing
of Aleppo Temple.

He also held membership in Bethesda Lodge, A. F. & A. M., of Brighton, the Henry B. Perkins Club, the New England Order of Protection and the Royal Arcanum of Boston. He was an officer at the time of his death, in Boston Council, R.A.M.

Mr. Wood was connected with the printing business through his entire life, starting the business in the office of the E. B. Stillings Company, Boston, later being associated with the Griffith-Stillings Press and The Perry & Elliott Company. In 1935 he left the latter organization to become Vice President of the newly formed Catalog Printing Company of Cambridge, having charge of sales from the company's Boston office, until his death.

Noble Wood was a tireless worker in the Masonic organizations to which he belonged and was Business Manager of the ALEPPO MONTHLY NEWS from the time of its inception in 1935.

He leaves a wife, Edna May Wood of Brighton, and a son, Rev. George H. Wood, pastor of the First Universalist Church of Everett.

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an ovation as he led the Yaarab Temple band through the streets of the city. He also surprised the spectators by holding up the woodwind section of his band. In the ring the Mountain is a fierce, terrible human. But behind the podium, with his gold-rimmed glasses and clarinet, an expression of pure joy overspreads his face as he plays soft music.

SHORT SIGHTS AND LONG LAUGHS

Zor Temple of Madison, Wis., has the only "neonized" set of uniformed units in Shrinedom. . . . Medinah Temple of Chicago, Ill., had the largest delegation of uniformed men. . . . All city busses were rerouted around the business section for the week to make way for impromptu parades. . . . Judging from the number of movie and snap cameras seen around the city, the Kodak factory must be working three shifts, developing these days. . . . Noble Pete Baldwin, past Potentate of Morocco Temple of Jacksonville, Fla., presented Mayor Sullivan with a four foot, live alligator to start a city Zoo. . . . One of the snappiest looking outfits was the Moslem Temple unit from Detroit, Mich. . . . The huge Aleppo Bean Pot made a big hit with the kids by passing out candy beans all along the route of parade. . . . The slogan of Murat Temple for the convention was "Let's have fun, in forty-one." And everybody tried to live up to it. . . . Everybody recognized the motion picture comedian and producer, Harold Lloyd, as he rode along the parade route in his official car as Imperial Outer Guard. . . . Zor Temple brought along a herd of camels to add oriental color to the festivities. . . . All available seats along the line of march for the Tuesday morning parade were taken and even the life-sized decorative camels were crowded. By the way; these decorative camels sure did disappear into thin air after the Wednesday night parade and rain storm. . . . First place in a contest for Oriental Bands was won by Yaarab Temple Band of Atlanta, Georgia, which played in competition with 35 other Oriental music groups. . . . Of all the parading outfits, Aleppo is the one that sure comes in for a large portion of applause. It still looks like "the best" to us. A news clipping said, "Aleppo boasted a squadron of mounted patrolmen on Arabian horses, a band and a patrol, all with tiny electric lights on each foot and on the tops of their fezzes. This unit was led by a huge bean pot on wheels drawn by forty Nobles dressed in the red, yellow and green colors of the Shrine." . . . When Sahara meets Sahara, there's bound to be something doing. Members of Sahara Grotto of Indianapolis gave a dinner for members of Sahara Temple of Pine Bluff, Ark., at the Grotto's clubhouse. . . . Murat Temple had special camel fountains erected in Monument circle where the live camels could be seen drinking between parades and between showers. . . . After getting used to the rain, day in and day out, the Shriners got out their "rain" music and played such tunes as, "Wait 'Til the Sun Shines, Nellie," and "Just Let a Smile Be Your Umbrella on a Rain, Rain, Rainy Day." Oh well! A little rain never stopped a Shriner from en-

joying himself yet, and it certainly didn't dampen the enthusiasm and Shrine spirit in Indianapolis.

SKETCHES FROM THE IMPERIAL POTENTATE'S ANNUAL ADDRESS TO THE COUNCIL MEETING

"I have attended anniversaries, dedications and celebrations of all kinds, addressed clubs and other gatherings, during my year term as your Imperial Potentate, and my receptions everywhere have been in keeping with the best traditions of the Order. I can never forget these wonderful manifestations of Shrine hospitality. My official visitations covered all parts of North America and included 128 of the 159 Shrine Temples in our jurisdiction.

PAST POTENTATE POLLARD HONORED

"On April 18, 1941, Al Chymia Temple celebrated its Fiftieth Anniversary. On account of other engagements, I was unable to attend this interesting event and I delegated Most Eminent Harry G. Pollard, Grand Master of the Grand Encampment, Knights Templar, of the United States, and Past Potentate of Aleppo Temple, to represent me. I want to take this opportunity to thank the Grand Master for this service. The Nobility thoroughly enjoyed his visit and all of us feel very much complimented to have had this distinguished leader of Templary participate in these exercises.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO RECORDERS

"The National Shrine Recorders' Association is rendering a very fine service, and I am pleased to commend its objectives. The Recorders occupy a very strategic position in the Temples, and perhaps come more directly in contact with the Temples' problems than any other official. The contacts which are made at their annual gatherings are very helpful to the subordinate Temples. A Temple which has an efficient and forward-looking Recorder has a decided advantage over others which may not be so fortunately situated. I am glad to pay tribute to the general efficiency of this official group.

OLD TIME SHRINE SPIRIT

"There has been a noticeable revival among the Temples of what is usually described as the "old-time" Shrine spirit, which means in the last analysis real genuine hospitality and good fellowship, mingled with clean, wholesome fun and a devotion and regard for Shrine ideals and standards. There is no place in the Shrine for smallness or selfishness, and likewise no place for coarseness or indecency. In my opinion, the real Shrine spirit is our greatest asset and should be constantly cultivated. In my Official Visitations, I have been greatly encouraged to feel that we are on higher ground in our relationships and in our devotion to the Shrine way of life."

ANNUAL HOSPITAL REPORTS

In the report on the 15 Shrine Hospitals for Crippled Children for the year ending Feb. 28, Chairman of the National Hospital Board disclosed that the hospitals have received bequests totaling \$822,355.79 from wills and trusts. An additional \$38,662.25 was

received in cash contributions and \$63,330.95 was received from the annual Shrine New Year's day football game in San Francisco, Cal., and from other entertainments and programs. The gifts for the year totaled \$924,348.99.

The Shrine maintains and operates 15 hospitals for crippled children in the United States, Canada and Hawaii. Boys and girls under 14 years of age are admitted for free orthopedic treatment, regardless of race, color or religion. A total of 1,533 children were admitted for the year ending Feb. 28, and all of them were discharged as cured or "materially benefited."

Since the opening of the first hospital in Shreveport, La., in 1922, a total of 31,983 children have entered the institutions and approximately 30,000 have been returned home "practically well and happy," the chairman reported. Last year the Shrine spent an average of \$266.26 on each patient admitted to a hospital.

The principal business to come before the Council meeting was the acceptance of more than \$1,000,000 in gifts to the 15 Shrine hospitals for crippled children in the United States, Canada and Hawaii, a review of Shrine activities for the last year and the drafting of plans for the coming 12 months. Unsettled world conditions already have curbed plans to expand the work of the hospitals and it is probable that the war threat to this country will further curtail work of the order. Because of the war, Canada was unable to send any uniformed units to the convention and it was necessary to obtain special permission from the Canadian government for Shrine Temple representatives and officers there to come to Indianapolis.

Shrine leaders discussed the possibility that the uniformed units may not attend next year's convention—merely the official Representatives—because of the war situation. The committee on Time and Place recommended, and the Council voted to withhold a decision on this matter and also the place of meeting, until the end of the year, at which time a committee appointed by the Imperial Potentate will make the decisions.

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BY NOBLE CHARLES C. FEARING,
Associate Editor

"IT AIN'T GONNA RAIN NO MORE."

THIS was the tuneful ditty the boys crooned the first day at Indianapolis; but instead they should have de-claimed, like the Fool in King Lear, "Though the rain it raineth every day." Because that is just what it did at the Imperial Council meeting.

We arrived at Indianapolis on Sunday afternoon, June 8, and the sun was shining nice and bright—we left on Thursday morning and the sun was again shining brightly in the heavens—but in between those dates we only had a fleeting glimpse of Old Sol from time to time.

Monday forenoon it poured, and we mean poured, but it let up in the afternoon so they could stage exhibition races at the Speedway. The rain also let up for the Tuesday morning parade. It rained all day Wednesday but the sun peeped out for a brief moment about 5 o'clock, and it looked favorable for the evening parade. Alas! It began to sprinkle when we boarded the buses to go up to the starting point, and then it poured. We waited until 9 o'clock when the rain almost stopped (?) and the parade started, but there were only four temples participating, the rest having given up in disgust and returned to quarters. We had not marched three blocks, however, when old Jupiter Pluvius pulled out the plug again and the rain came down in torrents. We have marched in wet weather before but nothing like that downpour. Some guy with a genius for that sort of thing ought to invent a wind shield wiper for eye glasses, as there were times when we could not see the man in front of us on account of the miniature Niagara running over our "specs." The weather could not dampen the spirits of the gang and we stuck it out for the full distance. But when we finished we were "all wet" literally and figuratively; we could wring the water out of our B.V.D.'s. The boys took the soaking good naturedly—but our uniforms will never be the same. God knows we need new ones, and maybe this will speed the day when new ones will be forthcoming.

We had the pleasure of meeting Noble Henry Keefe, who was playing trombone with Syria's band from Pittsburgh, and talking over old times. Henry and his Brother Al used to be faithful members of Aleppo band, but a few years ago Henry moved to Pittsburgh (although still retaining his membership in Aleppo) and Al, who played alto, had to give up band work by the doctor's orders.

We had planned to take Noble Charlie McGee to the cleaners on penny-ante, and Nobles Ivan Chandler and Bill Bucknam were all set, but someone suggested "Deuces and Joker wild" and all our pre-conceived technique went

blooley. "It ain't legitimate," and is the only game where a guy can hold five aces without backing 'em up with a gun.

The trip from Buffalo to Detroit by boat was a most enjoyable one and made up for a lot of other things.

We have just received a letter from Noble Edward MacKinnon, formerly a bass player in the band but now residing in Canada, and he calls our attention to the June issue of the News, in which we quoted from Drummond's poem, "The Wreck of the Julie Plante" and noted that we had moved the scene of the wreck to "Lac Champlaine" whereas it happened on "Lac San Pierre." Ed requests that we arrange to put the wreck back where it belongs, as Canada cannot afford at this time to lose even wrecks. O.K. Ed, we stand corrected, and we have moved the "Julie Plante" back on to "Lac San Pierre" as per request. Thanks for the tip; and we hope we have made the amende honorable.

C. C. F.



THIS IS MASONRY

MASONRY devotes time, effort and financial expense to the work of impressing upon its membership wise and serious truths, which it illustrates by an elaborate system of symbolism and example. It adjures each brother constantly to regulate his conduct by the teachings of the craft. That this may be done more easily Masonry spreads about each the protection of congenial associations and moral surroundings.

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BY NOBLE J. ARTHUR MCCOY

Associate Editor

IT is no reflection upon the amenities of the good people of Indianapolis, neither can the blame be charged to official Shrinedom—so all the censure will have to be placed right on the head of the offending weatherman for that downpour on the night parade of Wednesday. The clouds just tipped over and poured the water right down on the marchers. And the fez, intended for wear under sunny skies, is so constructed that not even the hairs of your head can interfere with the passage of rain when it comes—it just skids right down your nose. Is Indianapolis a rainy city? Of course! Don't you remember—every man was drenched through and through.

There were about two hundred on the train that left Boston, Saturday, June 7, at 8 o'clock in the morning, to attend the Imperial Council Sessions at Indianapolis. Seventy-one members of the patrol were on hand, in command of Major Vaughan. Arriving at Buffalo at 6:20 in the evening, they enjoyed an over-night sail on Lake Erie to Detroit, then a six-hour train ride, reaching the convention city at 2:45, Sunday afternoon. On Monday there were meetings of the Recorders and the Jesters; some attended the auto-speedway races, others saw the ball-game between the Red Sox and Indianapolis, and others visited the beautiful Scottish Rite Cathedral. In the evening there were concerts everywhere, stunts, and entertainment to suit everybody's taste.

The day parade was on Tuesday, a 2½ mile march on fine wide streets. Lieut. Beckman acted as Captain and Lieut. Weeks acted as Adjutant. The patrol was in two sections, with Sergeant Ed Harvey in command of the first and Lieut. Bill Odell in command of the second. Incidentally, only the second platoon had its full staff of officers.

The night electrical parade on Wednesday was spoiled by rain. Aleppo was one of the four Temples in line. Fortunately, the woolen suits worn by Aleppo are a little better for stormy weather than the silk, satin, and velvet worn by some units. The parade, however, was not a complete "wash-out," rain or no rain, and there were many more people out to see it than there were for the day parade.

The return home started Thursday morning, June 12, and they arrived in Boston at 9 o'clock Friday night.

Whether the 1942 sessions will be held in Portland, Cleveland, Miami, Atlantic City, or Boston, will not be decided until next January, because of the unsettled conditions in our country.

I regret to note the death of two Nobles, one a former member of the patrol and the other a member at the time of his death. Noble Oscar Waterhouse, for many years a member of the first platoon, died in North Beverly on



Illustrious Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., greeting Illustrious Noble John A. Peterson, President of the Northeastern Shrine Council during his visitation to Aleppo Temple at their recent ceremonial. On this occasion Noble Peterson represented the Imperial Potentate who was stricken ill on his Eastern trip. He was accompanied by Noble Harvey B. Leggee, Asst. Recorder of Aleppo and Sec'y-Treas. of the Northeastern Shrine Council.

Photo courtesy Boston Post.

June 6, following a long illness. Noble Waterhouse was a train dispatcher at Dover, N. H.

IN MEMORIAM

NOBLE CHARLES LEWIS CHURCHILL
Member of the patrol since 1919
Died at York, Maine, June 4, 1941



NOTES OF NOBLES

INCLUDED among applications received for our May Ceremonial was that of Douglas G. Lillie, Boston attorney, sponsored by "Nat" and Charlie McGee of the Shrine Band. Our new Noble's grandfather is "Nat" Lillie, 85 years young, a member of Aleppo for 30 years, and oldest living telephone operator with American Tel. & Tel. Co. by which concern he first was employed in 1877. Noble "Nat" Lillie, who is a Commandery Sir Knight, in April received the Scottish Rite degrees with his grandson. In 1939 he received a fifty year Grand Lodge service medal, and recently a 40 year Commandery medal. As a "Camel Herder," "Nat" stands at the top with Aleppo Temple!

Oldest "Hiram," with Shrine membership in Massachusetts is probably Noble Hiram H. S. Stiebel of Brookline, who joined Aleppo by affiliation from Moolah Temple of St. Louis on February 8, 1906. Potentate Wilson, on the date of our May Ceremonial, received a well written letter of congratulation from Noble Stiebel who writes a far better hand than many of our younger Nobles.

An "Aleppo Temple Cup" was this past season offered by Potentate Wilson as a trophy to be presented to the win-

ning team in the new Massachusetts State DeMolay Basketball League including teams from Lawrence, Lynn, Melrose, Medford, Newton, Quincy, and Roslindale. Well deserved recognition was paid Medford Chapter of the Order of DeMolay on the evening of Saturday, May 3rd, at Masonic Temple in Medford Square when Past Potentate "Sam" Haskell officiated at the request of the Potentate and presented the championship cup to the Medford Chapter at its victory banquet.

At the request of the Potentate, the Board of Trustees of the Permanent Fund of Aleppo Temple, at a special meeting held on Tuesday afternoon, June 3, unanimously voted to purchase \$50,000 of the new 2½% U. S. Defense Bonds. This is the limit allowed in any one year to any single corporation or association, and we believe Aleppo Temple thus takes the lead among the Shrine Temples of North America.

One of our former patrol members, Arthur F. O. Cederstrom, writes us from Missouri to say that he recently made a visit to the Shrine Hospital in St. Louis. Arthur is a Major in the Q.M.C., office of Constructing Q.M. at Fort Leonard Wood. He said he was accorded every courtesy and asked to inspect the Shrine Hospital from top to bottom, finding a happy family of three hundred odd children.

Noble Cederstrom returned the courtesy by inviting the staff of nurses to visit the Fort. They accepted and were given an army dinner, after which they inspected the base hospital of 2,000 beds, built and supervised by him. He said the "gals" had a very enjoyable visit to the Fort which is located about 150 miles from St. Louis.

MOUNTED PATROL DROPPINGS

"HOOF PRINTS FROM THE TRAIL OF CRIME."

By HERBERT S. POTTER

FIRST, right off the bat, "Congratulations to Aron and Mrs. Hobart on their twenty-fifth anniversary." May we all be there again for your "fiftieth," Aron. A swell time was had by all and the mounties in full number were not only present but in their willing spirit to aid and help took over the rear of the house and saw that everything flowed smoothly and freely.

"Bo-oard." Train leaving for Indianapolis and way stations. What a time.

These remarks are scattered and mixed. I can't remember everything. The Mounties were quartered in the B. B. B. Hotel in Indianapolis, two men to a suite. "The Marott." The management treated us swell.

When it comes to transportation the mounties were tops and I do not refer to our horses. (They were a credit to the City Dept.) No one else claims it. Carl Reece commandeered a 16 cylinder Cadi. for the mounted including a coupe for himself in order to direct traffic. How's the thumb, Carl? Did you see the Mounties Headline? It was not a "by-line."

Horses, horses, horses again. It took 35 minutes to get Patterson's (the ex gob) noble steed out of the truck and then, oh me, oh my, what a ride. He (the horse) cake walked so much that another opulent gent fearing for Brother Patterson's health insisted on exchanging horses and calmly led said recalcitrant beast back to the stables and then smartly caught up on a little shut eye himself while we others peer-aded. Smart boy that rotund rascal. Rain! Who said so? Well you should have unpacked those uniforms, back home. Boumi of Baltimore was the other mounted unit and tho they edged us slightly in numbers when it came to riding. Oh well, why discuss known facts.

Aleppo sure did herself proud by turning out for the night fording of the streets. Boy was it damp and how we took cough syrup afterwards. Nobody sneezed a wheeze the next day.

A suggestion to the Shrine. Let's have a signal patrol for inter room communication. WHERE IS YEAGER?

Who is he? Where is he? Nobody cares but we would like to sleep between 5:30 A.M. and 6:00 A.M.

The informal party and pre-25th for Aron, held in Captain Davidson's palatial suite after the parade, was a wringing success.

All meetings were attended 100 per cent by the mounties every day, i.e., the mountie delegated for that day. Anyway we all knew everything that was going on and gave our moral support.

Oh, Oh, Oh, Ho. Who was that RED HEADED INDIAN? It couldn't have been one of Custer's Scouts. No indeed. Noble Vappi's white cow (I mean horse) could single foot both ways at the same time. "Win" Green used two mounts. One a gray, the other a bay, and did they make him red.

By the way, Winthrop, Mass. certainly put New Hampshire to shame when it came to keeping regular turning in hours. 6:00 A.M. and not a morning missed.

Any missing number plates may be obtained by applying to the Foot Patrol. The mounties knew enough to shed their boots when "action on foot" was prescribed. It saved many a "heel." Hey, who you calling names? By the way if our Noble "Pote" wears a 12 inch shoe, he might be said to be every foot a ruler. Noble Barry Baredough is on a milk diet. He went to the ball with four quarts and stuck to them. Tho' he was heard to say that it was the heavy cream in the coffee that disturbed his night's rest.

Much credit is due Captain Davidson in his rounding up the mounties for all formations on time. A pleasant time was had by all. More credit to all committees who saw that every detail was attended to and everything went according to Hoyle. No one was lost enroute. In the meantime join the mounties in their rides through the summer. Harden your arteries and we'll be seein' you in Hartford.

All names, characters and places mentioned in the above skit are purely "fictitious" and no stones are thrown. This leaves me, well, I hope it reaches you the same. Respectfully yours,

H. S. P.



SOUTH SHORE NEWS

By NOBLE GEORGE A. RHODES

Associate Editor

THE last meeting until September in Masonic Lodges or other groups that meet in the Temples in Quincy was held by Theodore Roosevelt Lodge, the 27th of June.

June 25 Joseph E. Burt was installed as Commander of Quincy Commandery, K.T. A number of the Sir Knights have become affiliated with Aleppo the past year. The Commandery had more candidates in 1940-41 than in the 10 years previous—many more. All good men. Half of them at least became Nobles.

Rural Lodge, A. F. & A. M., marked its 140th anniversary: Atlantic and Manet Lodges their 20th. There were numerous ladies nights during the year and all successful.

Noble Henry P. Hayward, Past Monarch of Taleb Grotto and Past Master

of Rural Lodge, jumped a step nearer the Grand Monarch station at the Supreme Grotto session in St. Louis. Nobles J. Robert Whitworth, Philip H. Martin and Dr. A. M. Dingwell, were in the Taleb party. "Al" Little, chief justice, is on his way to Aleppo. He ran eight buses to Shedad Grotto circus in Brockton one day with 500 kids. Good man to know and have in the Shrine. Connected with the Motor Vehicle division of the state. Monarch next year. We will get him.

For the first time in years, craftsmen are too busy to take more than a short time out for parties. Manet and Atlantic Lodges planned a pilgrimage to the Masonic home one Sunday in June and had to cancel. Too many men working on Defense at the ship yard.

Candidates are lining up for September. Boy, what a business ahead.

Ed. Note: Noble Rhodes sent us the following note with the above news of the South Shore:

"It has been the best year in the Lodges since 1929. All have candidates for September. Now the Outing season. I covered 30 last summer, for my paper, and made three last Sunday. Almost 200 dinners this past winter and 150 luncheons. Ye Gods, I did not eat them all. Sometimes four a night. What a life!"

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Associate Editor

I AM proud that I am an American and a Mason, but after our trip to the Imperial Council Session at Indianapolis, Indiana, I am particularly proud to be a Shriner and to be associated in an organization with such men as our Potentate Robert Gardiner Wilson, Jr., Willard Lombard, Ben Vaughan, Eddie Adolph and hundreds of others. The trip, from the Degree Staff's angle, was very successful. The conduct of our members was above reproach and nowhere could you find more friendly disrespect and good fellowship.

The Degree Staff is definitely a unit; each of its members working for a common purpose to make Aleppo Temple even greater. Through my observation while in Indianapolis, I believe Aleppo Temple is the finest in these United States. Our Potentate is the best and also our Major Ben Vaughan. On behalf of the Degree Staff, I thank Aleppo Temple for the privilege of joining with them at this Imperial Council Session. We enjoyed ourselves tremendously, even the drenching we got in the evening parade.

I am sorry to report that Ray Parker has been sick. He was operated on for appendicitis June 7, 1941, the day we left for Indianapolis. He is recovering rapidly at his home, 26 Billingham Street, West Somerville, Mass. Drop him a line and he will greatly appreciate it.



NEW BEDFORD NOTES

THE officers of the Southeastern Shrine Club of New Bedford recently presented to the St. Luke's Hospital of that city, a new incubator-respirator for its infant ward.

The incubator, which was purchased from the receipts of a recent circus produced by the Shrine Club, was accepted for the hospital by Mr. W. Kempton Read, president of the Board of Trustees.

Club officers present included President William Stitt and Treasurer William Kenworthy.

The next regular meeting of the club will be held Wednesday, July 9, 1941 at which time some very important business will be brought before the members. A large attendance is looked for.

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WORCESTER SHRINE CLUB TO HAVE CLAM BAKE

THE Worcester County Shrine Club will hold its annual fall clambake and lobster dinner on Sunday, September 7. This year the big event will be held at the Monoosnoc Country Club in Leominster.

The date was selected at the annual meeting of the club which was recently held at Twin Oaks Lodge in Sterling. The first plan was to hold the annual clambake there also, as it was last year, but the date chosen was already reserved. Noble Harry Kendall, whose bakes are famous throughout Massachusetts and particularly so here in Worcester also directs the Monoosnoc club and will prepare the viands in his usual appetizing way.

Special events will be arranged for the occasion with the opening at 1 P.M., clam chowder at 2 P.M., and the big bake, cooked in the rocks which are first heated by open air fire, will be served at 3 P.M.

Ladies are invited and any Shriner may invite any member of the Masonic Fraternity to attend. Tickets \$2.00. A full attendance will insure a good sum for the benefit of the Springfield Hospital. Line up your friends and prepare for a good time. The bake will be held rain or shine. There is ample room in the clubhouse if weather conditions force the party to stay indoors.

The nominating committee requested additional time to make its report as two on its list have been called into Government service. The election of a new board of officers will be held at the September meeting.

GOLF CLUB INVITATION

Mr. Calvin J. Ellis, Secretary of the Marshfield Country Club of Marshfield writes us to the effect that at a recent meeting of the Board of Governors of the Club, it was unanimously voted to extend the privileges of their club to all members of Aleppo Temple.

Many Nobles spend their summers and vacation periods in the vicinity of the club and the officers hope that they will have the pleasure of meeting many Shriners.

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